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1. AFTER A PAUSE OF SEVERAL WEEKS THE SOVIET PRESS OVER
THE WEEKEND RETURNED TO THE ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S. DELE-
GATION TO THE CSCE TALKS AND AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG
SPECIFICALLY. PRAVDA DECEMBER 4 CARRIED A TASS-BELGRADE
STORY WHICH CONDEMNED IN STRONG TERMS THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR ITS LACK OF "INITIATIVES" AND
PROPOSALS DURING THE MEETINGS AND FOR ENGAGING IN

"PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE." THE TWO AUTHORS, SERGEI VISHNEVSKIY AND VASIL ZHURAVSKIY, PAINT THE U.S. DELEGATION AS THE BACK-STAGE, ARM-TWISTER OF THE OTHER NATO DELEGATIONS IN ATTEMPTS TO GET THEM TO JOIN THE "ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGNS" AND IMPEDE THE "FRUITFUL WORK" OF THE CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG IS NOT MENTIONED IN THIS PIECE.

2. ON DEC. 2 IZVESTIY'A VIKENTII MATVEYEV, ONE OF THAT PAPER'S SENIOR POLITICAL COMMENTATORS, IN BELGRADE AFTER AN ABSENCE OF SEVERAL WEEKS WRITES THE FIRST DIRECT ATTACK TO APPEAR IN THE SOVIET PRESS IN SOME TIME AGAINST AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG. IN ANSWER TO HIS TITLE QUESTION, "WHO IS HINDERING THE WORK OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE," MATVEYEV CLAIMS IT IS AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG BY PRESSURING THE DELEGATIONS OF THE NEUTRALS INTO SUPPORTING AMERICAN POSITIONS OR FACE U.S. "BOYCOTT" FOR THEIR PROPOSALS. ADDITIONALLY, THE DELEGATIONS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES, "PARTICULARLY" THE U.S., ARE, ACCORDING TO MATVEYEV, GUILTY OF SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS WHICH ARE "ALIEN" TO THE PURPOSE OF CSCE. UNDER THE GUISE OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, THESE DELEGATIONS RAISE ISSUES WHICH WERE ALREADY REJECTED BY THE CONFERENCE AND WHICH CONSTITUTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: THE ATTACKS ARE SLIGHTLY HARSHER THAN PREVIOUSLY, BUT DO NOT REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT ESCALATION IN THE LEVEL OR KIND OF SOVIET PRESS COMMENT ON THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE OR THE U.S. DELEGATION. THERE IS EVEN A CERTAIN LACK OF CONSISTENCY IN THAT THE PRAVDA PIECE CLEARLY TRIES TO SEPARATE THE EUROPEAN NATO NATIONS FROM THE U.S., WHILE MATVEYEV BLURS THE DISTINCTION AND CRITICIZES BOTH.
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